

to yield the rest of my time to Senator Chambers if he is ready to continue his discussion of his proposal.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, thank you, Senator Wickersham, and I'm very serious about what it is that I'm trying to do and it's a suggestion which, if you could listen to it, would make sense to you also. I have said it as clearly as I know how to say it so maybe I ought to say it less clearly and then maybe there's a chance that it will be understood. I would like to strike everything from the amendment that Senator Withem has put before us and retain only subsection (2). Then I would go to page 12 of that white copy of the bill that we've been working from and strike that language and similar language on page 17, that would be of AM7047, the amendment, and move that language from the body of the bill and put it with this finding and it would say, the Legislature finds and declares the following facts and purposes, and purposes. You could strike the "s" from facts if you wanted to and the "s" from purposes or leave them there. The fact that it's stated in number 2, the prevention and elimination of blighted and substandard areas is a matter of state public policy and public interest. Then number 2 would be, and you don't say if the board approves such area application, you would say, for purposes of Article VIII, Section 12 of the Constitution of Nebraska as applied in this act, a designated blighted and substandard area is considered, as declared by law, to be a designated blighted and substandard area and the property within such area is considered to be determined by law to be substandard and blighted property. But then it's a part of the statement of facts and purposes and that would then let the rest of the law stay the way it is. And, Senator Withem, if you would have the confidence in your ability to reason that I have in it, you could look at page 12 and see that if you lifted that provision out, it wouldn't hurt the bill at all. It doesn't say what the board can do, doesn't say what the board cannot do, it doesn't set any kind of standard and none of us will be completely happy but some of us would feel a little less misery. Senator Kristensen, I'd like to ask you a question. Have you followed this...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...at all?